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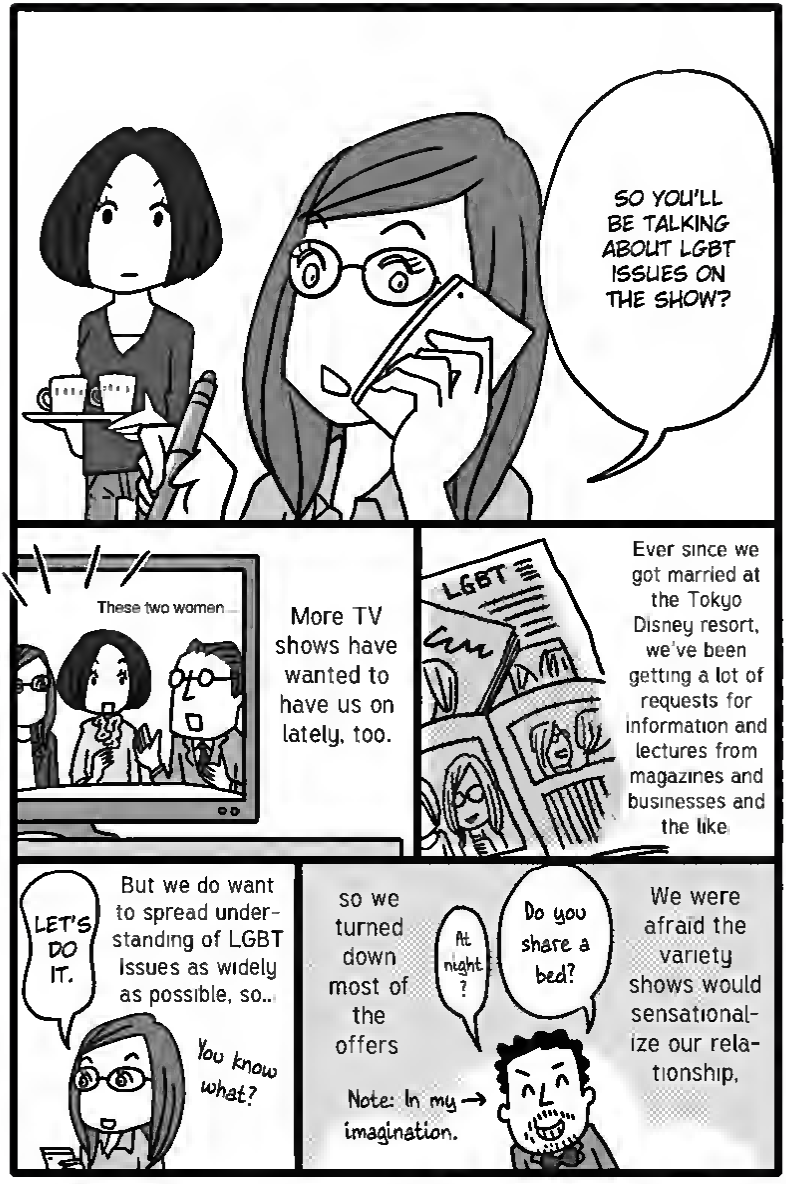
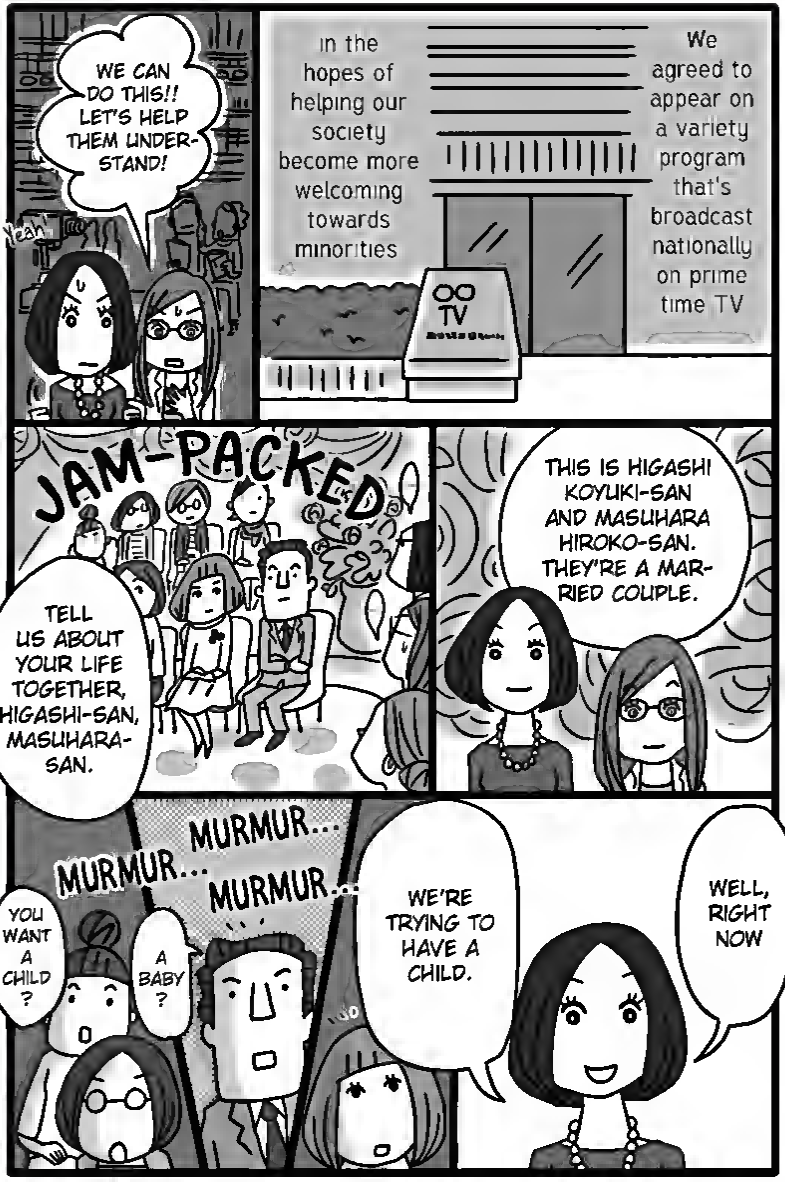
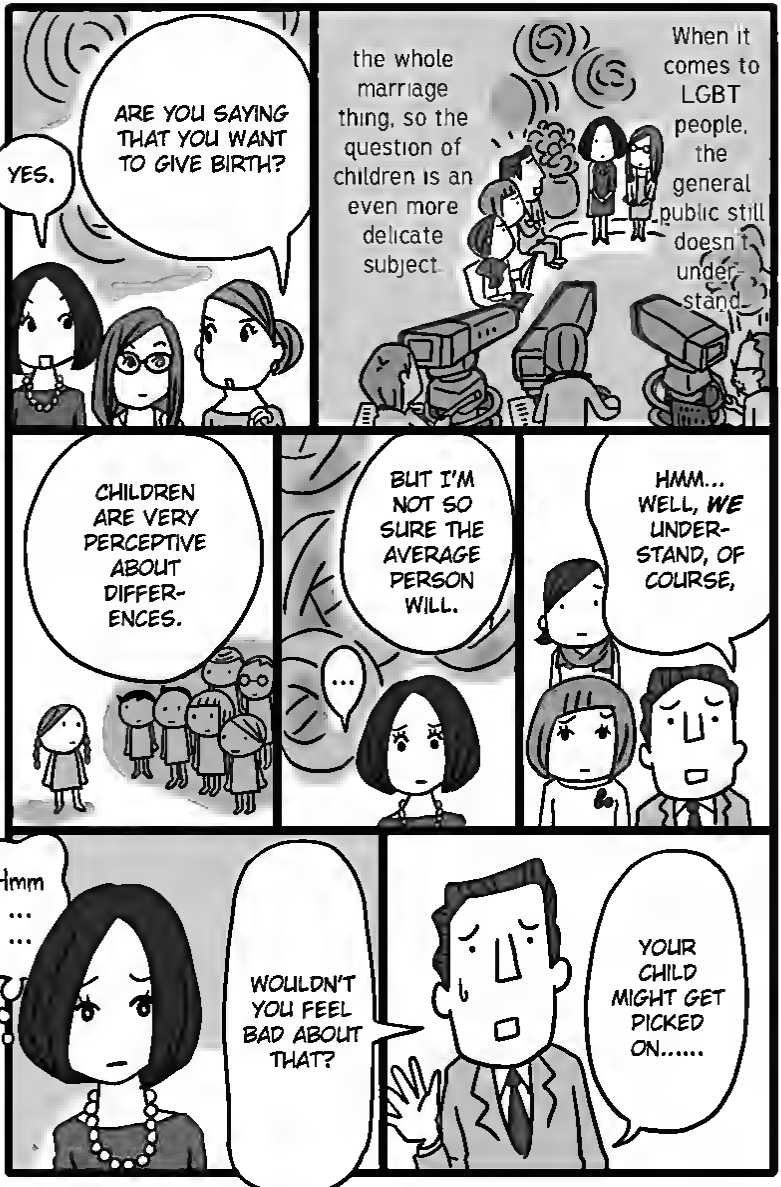
Part 3

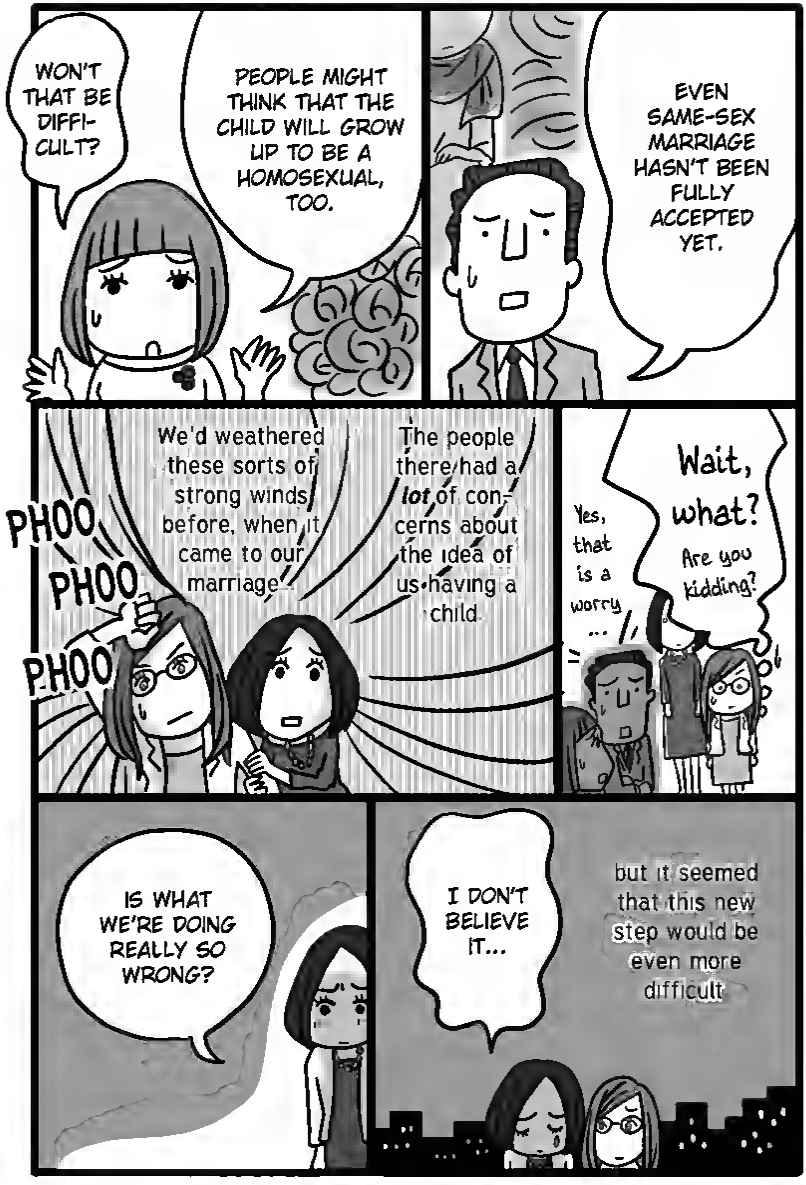
Everyone's Opinions

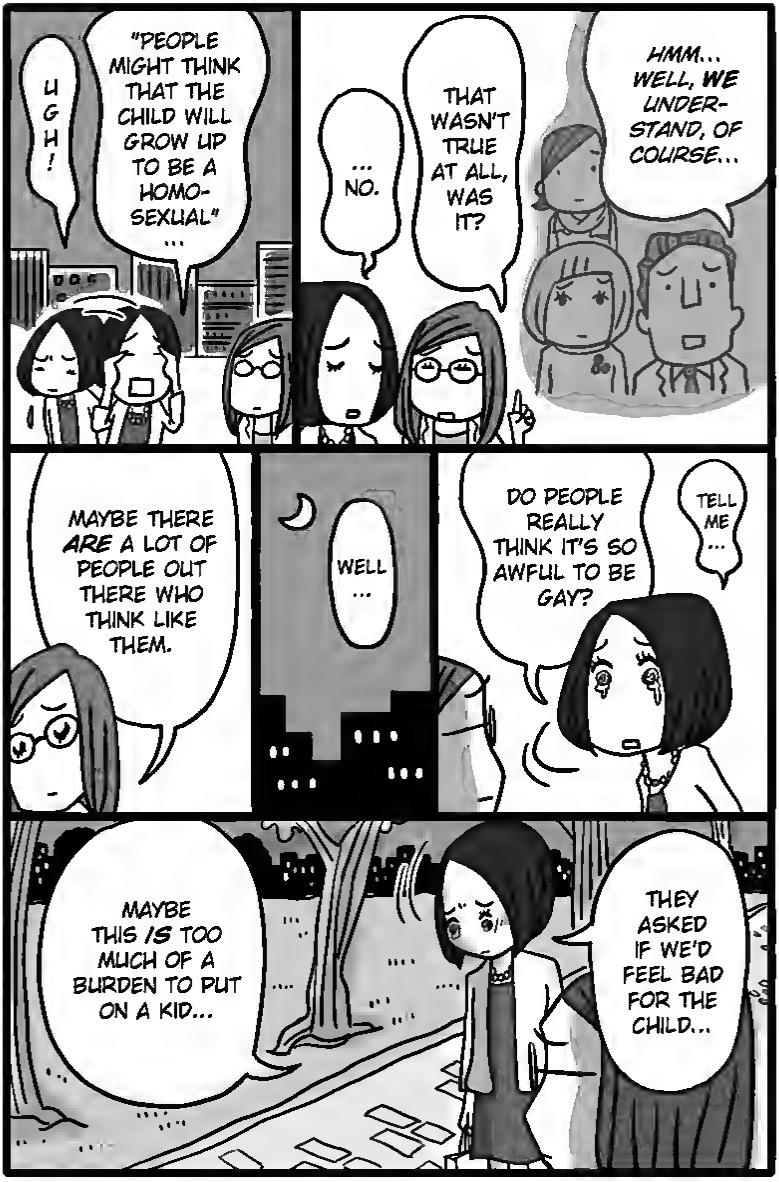
Chapter 9 "Think Of the Poor Child"

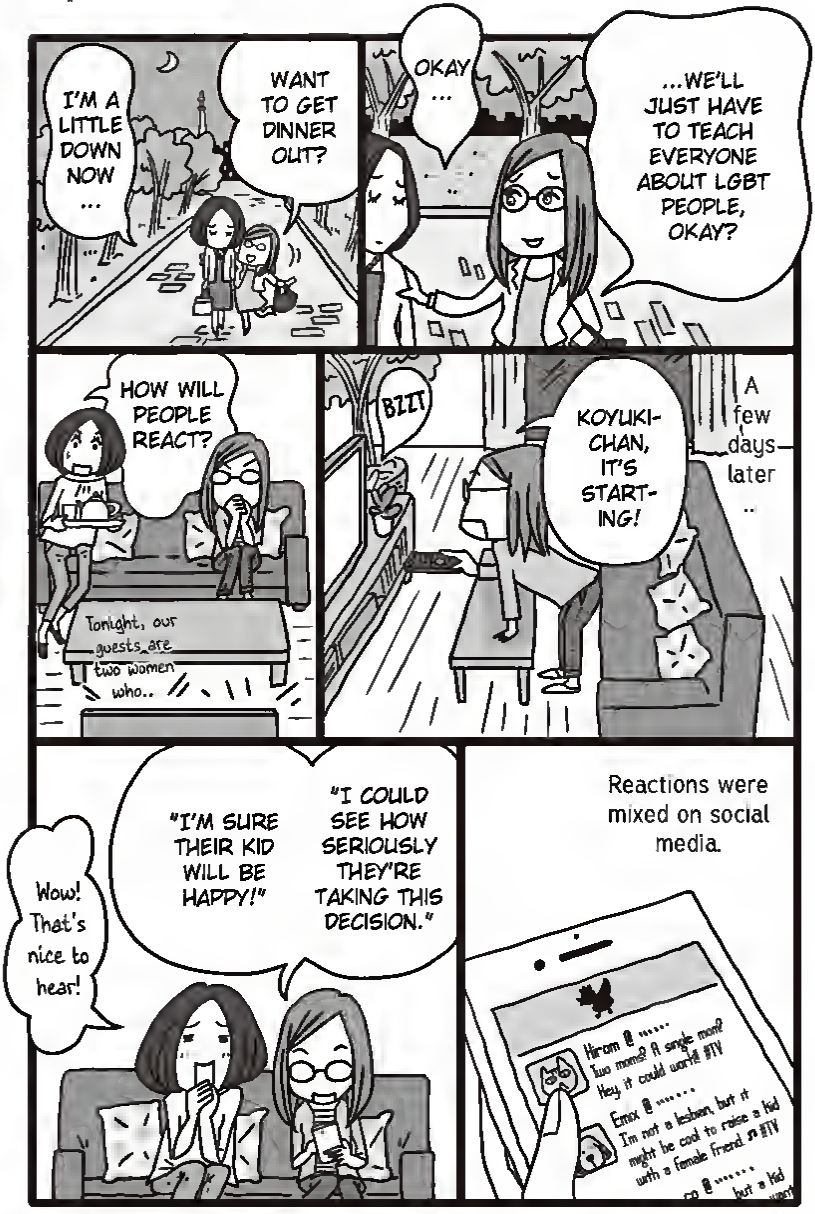

SO YOU'LL BE TALKING ABOUT LGBT ISSUES ON THE SHOW?
These two women...
More TV shows have wanted to have us on lately, too.
LGBT
Ever since we got married at the Tokyo Disney resort, we've been getting a lot of requests for information and lectures from magazines and businesses and the like
LET'S DO IT.
But we do want to spread understanding of LGBT issues as widely as possible, so..
You know what?
so we turned down most of the offers
At night?
Do you share a bed?
We were afraid the variety shows would sensationalize our relationship.
Note: In my imagination.

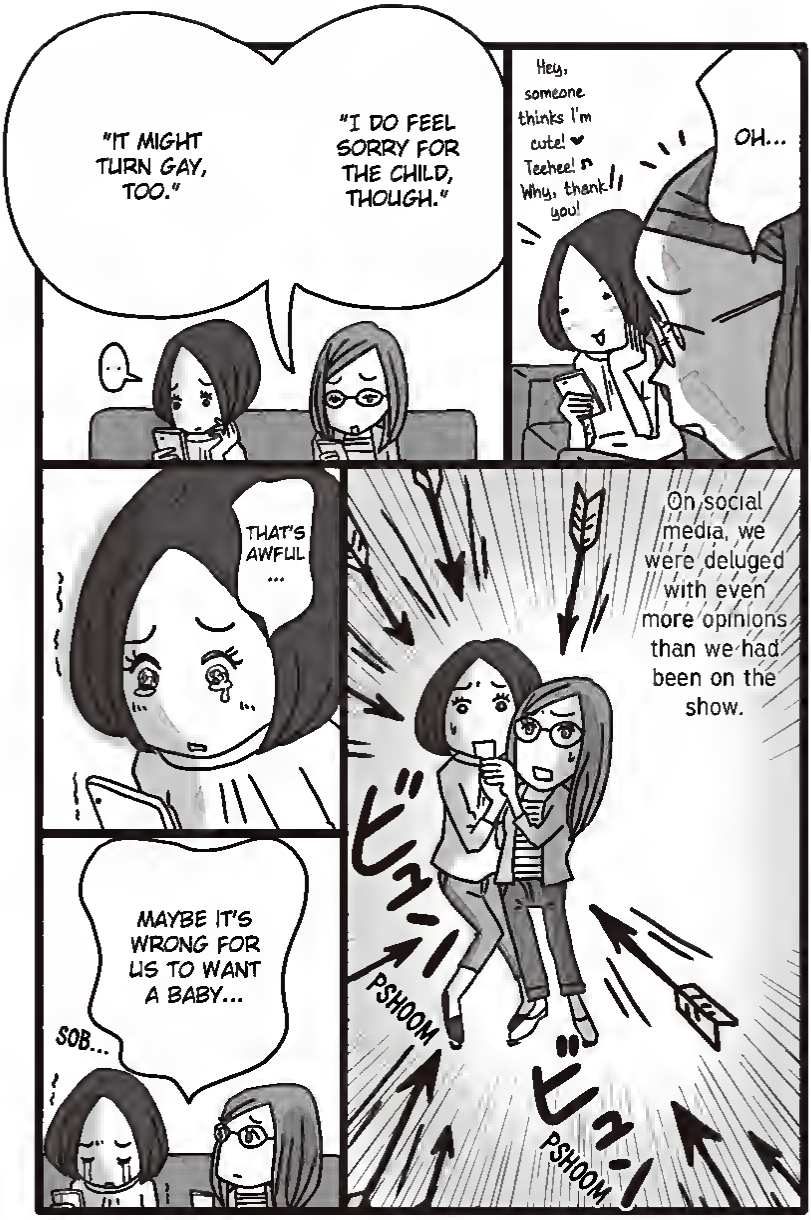

WE CAN DO THIS!! LET'S HELP THEM UNDERSTAND!
Yeah
In the hopes of helping our society become more welcoming towards minorities
TV
We agreed to appear on a variety program that's broadcast nationally on prime time TV
JAM-PACKED
THIS IS HIGASHI KOYUKI-SAN AND MASUHARA HIROKO-SAN. THEY'RE A MARRIED COUPLE.
TELL US ABOUT YOUR LIFE TOGETHER, HIGASHI-SAN, MASUHARA-SAN.
MURMUR...
MURMUR...
MURMUR...
YOU WANT A CHILD?
A BABY?
WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE A CHILD.
WELL, RIGHT NOW

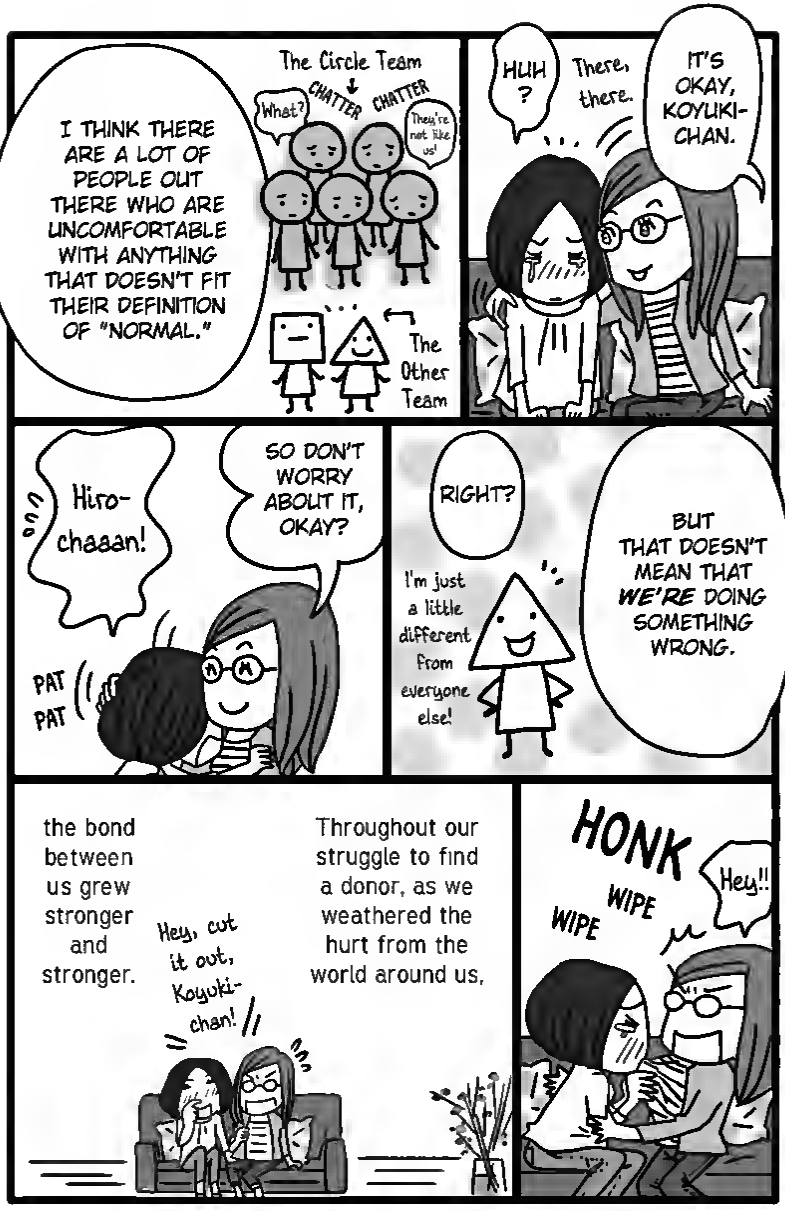

ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WANT TO GIVE BIRTH?
YES.
When it comes to LGBT people, the general public still doesn't understand
the whole marriage thing, so the question of children is an even more delicate subject.
HMM... WELL, WE UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE,
BUT I'M NOT SO SURE THE AVERAGE PERSON WILL.
...
CHILDREN ARE VERY PERCEPTIVE ABOUT DIFFERENCES.
YOUR CHILD MIGHT GET PICKED ON.....
WOULDN'T YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT THAT?
Hmm ... ...


WON'T THAT BE DIFFI-CULT?
PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THAT THE CHILD WILL GROW UP TO BE A HOMOSEXUAL, TOO.
EVEN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE HASN'T BEEN FULLY ACCEPTED YET.
PHOO
PHOO
PHOO
We'd weathered these sorts of strong winds before, when it came to our marriage.
The people there had a lot of con-cerns about the idea of us having a child.
Yes, that is a worry ...
Wait, what?
Are you kidding?
IS WHAT WE'RE DOING REALLY SO WRONG?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
but it seemed that this new step would be even more difficult.


UGH!
"PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THAT THE CHILD WILL GROW UP TO BE A HOMO-SEXUAL"...
...NO.
THAT WASN'T TRUE AT ALL, WAS IT?
HMM... WELL, WE UNDER-STAND, OF COURSE...
MAYBE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO THINK LIKE THEM.
WELL...
DO PEOPLE REALLY THINK IT'S SO AWFUL TO BE GAY?
TELL ME...
MAYBE THIS IS TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN TO PUT ON A KID...
THEY ASKED IF WE'D FEEL BAD FOR THE CHILD...


I'M A LITTLE DOWN NOW ...
WANT TO GET DINNER OUT?
OKAY ...
...WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TEACH EVERYONE ABOUT LGBT PEOPLE, OKAY?
HOW WILL PEOPLE REACT?
Tonight, our guests are two women who..
BZZT
KOYUKI-CHAN, IT'S START-ING!
A few days later ..
Wow! That's nice to hear!
"I'M SURE THEIR KID WILL BE HAPPY!"
"I COULD SEE HOW SERIOUSLY THEY'RE TAKING THIS DECISION."
Reactions were mixed on social media.
Hiromi @ ..... Two moms? A single mom? Hey it could work! #TV
Emix @ ..... I'm not a lesbian, but it might be cool to raise a kid with a female friend. #TV


"IT MIGHT TURN GAY, TOO."
"I DO FEEL SORRY FOR THE CHILD, THOUGH."
Hey, someone thinks I'm cute! ♥ Teehee! ♫ Why, thank you!
OH...
THAT'S AWFUL ...
On social media, we were deluged with even more opinions than we had been on the show.
MAYBE IT'S WRONG FOR US TO WANT A BABY...
SOB...
PSHOOM
PSHOOM


I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T FIT THEIR DEFINITION OF "NORMAL."
The Circle Team
CHATTER
CHATTER
What?
They're not like us!
The Other Team
HUH?
There, there.
IT'S OKAY, KOYUKI-CHAN.
Hiro-chaaan!
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, OKAY?
PAT PAT
RIGHT?
I'm just a little different from everyone else!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'RE DOING SOMETHING WRONG.
the bond between us grew stronger and stronger.
Hey, cut it out, Koyuki-chan!
Throughout our struggle to find a donor, as we weathered the hurt from the world around us,
HONK
WIPE
WIPE
Hey!!

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